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In our opinion:

## *Incredible's the word for CIA maneuvers*

Now that the legal issue has been at least temporarily resolved, national attention is shifting from right of the press to print the Pentagon Papers to the material the documents contain.

When read with the proper concern, the Pentagon Papers will affect the public attitude toward issues far broader than Vietnam.

For the first time the American public is made privy to the incredibly far reaching maneuverings and manipulations of the U.S. intelligence apparatus.

Indeed, a reader might conclude after plowing through an especially revealing memo on unconventional warfare that our conventional departments of government, including the key State and Defense Departments, rank second in importance to the shadowy agencies which infiltrate and sometimes subvert foreign governments and organizations.

Small wonder that knowledgeable members of the Senate and House have complained for years that the CIA is making foreign policy, possibly without the

acquiescence of the White House or State Department. Small wonder, too, that the Soviet Union, Red China and others are unwilling to accept our protestations of peaceful intent.

One must remember, of course, that the documents are historic rather than current.

But it is not unreasonable to assume that our intelligence practices remain essentially unchanged over the past decade. World conditions have not changed markedly, and until the papers were published, the Legislative branch which might have exerted pressure for reform has been unable to discover what we're doing.

We aren't suggesting that the nation can defend itself properly without an intelligence system. We think however, thoughtful readers of the Pentagon Papers will be astounded at the pervasiveness of our covert maneuverings around the world. And we wonder if our shadowy intrusions into other nation's affairs haven't severely damaged this nation's reputation for honor and decency in international relations.

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